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DEPARTMENT PASS SECRETARY'S PARTY

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SUBJECT: ILLEGAL SETTLEMENT ATTEMPTS ON WEST BANK

1. IN OBVIOUSLY WELL-ORGANIZED MOVE, LARGE NUMBERS OF
ISRAELIS ATTEMPTED DURING NIGHT OF OCT 8-9 TO ESTABLISH
UNAUTHORIZED SETTLEMENTS IN UMBER OF PLACES ON WEST BANK.
MORNING PRESS ESTIMATES NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS BETWEEN
2500 AND 5000. CAMPAIGN WAS ORGANIZED BY GUSH EMONIM,
MILITANT GROUP ASSOCIATED WITH YOUTH WING OF NRP. MOST
ATTEMPTS WERE FRUSTRATED BY SECURITY FORCES AND IDF.

2. SPOKESMAN FOR SETTLERS COMMITTEE SAID MORNING OCT 9
THAT SETTLERS HAD SUCCESSFULLY ESTABLISHED THEMSELVES AT
THREE SITES: HARBATA, 13 KMS NORTH WEST OF RAMALLAH
(UNDISCLOSED NUMBER OF SETTLERS): MAALE ADUMMIM, MIDWAY
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BETWEEN JERUSALEM AND JERICHO (APPROX 150 SETTLERS); AND

AT UNKNOWN POINT IN WADI QILT NEAR JERICHO (APPROX 50 SETTLERS).
RADIO REPORTS THAT SETTLERS AT MAALE ADUMMIM DISBANDED
PEACEFULLY SHORTLY BEFORE NOON AFTER CONSULTATION WITH GOI.
AT ABOUT SAME TIME, HOWEVER, PERSUASION FAILED A HARBATA WITH
CLASHES BETWEEN IDF AND SETTLERS REPORTEDLY RESULTING IN INJURY
TO ONE SETTLER AND IDF CALLING FOR REINFORCEMENTS.

3. PRIMIN RABIN, AT SPECIAL KNESSET SESSION TODAY, SAID
GOI WILL NOT ALLOW ILLEGAL SETTLEMENTS, WHICH HURT ISRAEL'S
IMAGE AS NATION GOVERNED BY LAW. EARLIER DEFMIN PERES HAD
DEPLORED SETTLEMENT ATTEMPT SINCE "WE HAVE TO DIVERT
HUNDREDS OF TROOPS FROM THEIR USUAL DUTIES IN A MILITARY
STATE OF EMERGENCY."

4. RADIO HAS REPORTED THAT LIKUD LEADERSHIP HAS APPEALED
TO BEGIN TO RETURN FROM CURRENT TRIP TO US IN VIEW SITUATION
AND THAT HE IS DUE BACK IN ISRAEL THIS EVENING.

5. COMMENT GUSH EMONIM AND THE NRP YOUTH FACTION
HAVE OBVIOUSLY DESIGNED THEIR ACTION TO REMIND GOVERNMENT
THAT THEY HAVE CAPABILITY OF MOBILIZING LARGE NUMBERS OF
PEOPLE OVER JUDAE/SAMARIA ISSUE AND IT HAS BEEN TIMED TO
INFLUENCE BOTH TODAY'S SPECIAL KNESSET SESSION ON RABIN'S
RECENT WEST BANK STATEMENTS AND POSTURE OF GOI DURING TALKS
WITH SECRETARY ONLY THREE DAYS AWAY. HOPEFULLY GOI WILL
CONTINUE TAKING TOUGH LINE AND ITS AUTHORITY WILL PREVAIL.
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